

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE

RAJYASABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2131
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.08.2022

Deforestation in Jharkhand

2131. SHRI SAMIR ORAON:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether deforestation has increased in the State of Jharkhand during the last three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Government is running any scheme to stop deforestation;
- (d) if so, the schemes being implemented and the extent to which they are effective; and
- (e) whether Government is running any special awareness campaign for this purpose in rural areas?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(SHRI ASHWINI KUMAR CHOUBEY)

- (a) &(b) Forest Survey of India (FSI), Dehradun, an organization under the Ministry carries out the assessment of forest cover of the country biennially since 1987 and the findings are published in India State of Forest Report (ISFR). The forest cover assessment is a wall to-wall mapping exercise based on remote sensing supported by intensive ground verification and field data from National Forest Inventory. As per latest India State of Forest Report (ISFR), 2021 published by Forest Survey of India, total area under forest cover in Jharkhand is 26588 square kilometer. As per ISFR report forest cover in Jharkhand has increased by 110square kilometer between 2019 and 2021 and increased by 58 sq. km between 2017 and 2019. The area under forest cover is as given below:-

S.N	FSI report (year-wise)	Forest cover (sq. km)				% of total Geographical area
		Dense Forest	Medium Dense	Open	Total	
1	2017	2598	9686	11269	23553	29.55
2	2019	2603	9687	11321	23611	29.62
3	2021	2601	9689	11431	23721	29.76

- (c)&(d) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change provides technical and financial assistance to the States/UTs for protection and development of Protected Areas and Wildlife Sanctuaries under various schemes they are very effective. The details of fund released under the various Centrally Sponsored Schemes during the last three years (2019-20 to 2021-22) is given below:-

(Rs. in Crore)				
S.No.	Name of Scheme	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
1	Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats	124.48	87.64	87.55
2	Forest Fire Prevention and Management Scheme	46.40	32.47	34.25
3	National Afforestation Programme	21.98	40.42	46.17
4	Green India Mission	106.01	112.65	156.46
5	Project Tiger	281.76	194.5	219.49
Grand total		580.63	467.68	543.92

- (e) Awareness programs for tree planting and forest protection are under taken through pamphlets, meetings, posters, Nukkad Natak etc. by the State Forest Department, Government of Jharkhand. Capacity building and training programs on fire protection, plantation techniques and forest protection for Joint Forest Management Committee members and staff are conducted regularly.
